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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Bruce L. Kiehne

Docket No.

A-9488

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Invention: SURGICAL SCALPEL WITH RETRACTABLE GUARD

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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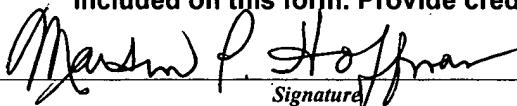
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**(Proposed) AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

The instant Amendment is filed in response to the Final Rejection of December 19, 2008. Since the Amendment is filed within three months of the date of issuance of the Final Rejection, no fee is due and owing.

The instant Amendment is divided into two sections, namely (1) Claim Amendments, and (2) Remarks. Each section begins on a separate sheet in compliance with current Patent Office practice and procedure.